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SUBJ: PROPOSED DATT VISIT

KINSHASA FOR DATT

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1. VJDERAL HABYARIMANA'S CHIEF OF CABINET, CAPTAIN RUSATIRA, INFORMED EMBASSY MORNING OCTOBER 16 YOUR VISIT ON PROPOSED DATES AGREEABLE TO GORO RUSTAIRA ADDED, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ON THIS TRIP BECAUSE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR ARMED FORCES DAY.

2. IN LONG TALK WITH RAWSON AND ME PREVIOUS EVENING RUSATIRA HAD TAKEN POSITION YOUR VISIT WOULD SERVE NO RPT NO PURPOSE SINCE USG HAD NOT RPT NOT ANSWERED RWANDAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO REQUEST MADE IN
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APRIL 1972 TO COLONEL DIETZ FOR HELICOPTER. WE EXPLAINED TO

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RUSTAIRA LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER
REASONS WHY US UNABLE PROVIDE
EQUIPMENT AND REMINDED HIM YOU HAD BEEN UNABLE TO EVEN DISCUSS
RWANDAN TRAINING NEEDS WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS DURING YOUR MAY
1973 VISIT HERE. WE EXPRESSED HOPE YOUR VISIT AT THIS TIME
WOULD PROVIDE SKLH OPPORTUNITY. RUSATIRA REPLIED DISCUSSION
OF TRAINING NEEDS WOULD BE USELESS UNLESS US PROVIDED GOR
WITH DOSSIER CONTAINING CONCRETE PROPOSALS BEFOREHAND SO
RWANDANDS COULD PREPARE FOR
WORKING SESSIONS. IN RESPONSE WE
SAID IT UNLIKELY YOU COULD MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS WITHOUT
FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL GUARD. EVEN IF YOU COULD
MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS RE TRAINING POSSIBILITIES BEFORE COMING
HERE WE TOLD RUSATIRA NO RPT NO PRIOR GUARANTEES OF US ABILITY
TO HELP RWANDA IN THIS FIELD COULD BE GIVEN. COMMENT: IT
CLEAR RWANDANS TRYING EXTRACT QUID PRO QUO IN EXCHANGE FOR
SUBSTANTIVE VISIT BY YOU. END COMMENT.

3. WE WOULD PERSONALLY WELCOME YOUR VISIT AT PROPOSED DATES.
WOULD, HOWEVER, CAUTION THAT YOUR ACTIVITIES WOULD PROBABLY
BE LIMITED, IN VIEW OF RWANDAN POSITION, TO OBSERVING OCTOBER
26 PARADE, HOLDING INFORMAL TALKS WITH BELGIAN MILITARY,
AND SOME SOCIAL CONTACT WITH RWANDAN OFFICERS AT
OCTOBER 26 SOIREE PLANNED BY RWANDANS AND AT BUFFET I WOULD
HAVE OCTOBER 27 (I.E. AFTER COMPLETION ARMED FORCES DAY
CELEBRATIONS.) IN ADDITION TO THESE ACTIVITIES, WE COULD
LAY ON SIGHTSEING PROGRAM FOR YOU COVERING KAGERA PARK AND
OTHER SPOTS.

4. IF YOU ENVISAGE MORE SUBSTANTIVE VISIT, I WOULD RECOMMEND
POSTPONEMENT OF TRIP TO LATER DATE. TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR USEFUL CONTACTS WITH GOR MILITARY DURING LATER VISIT,
HOPE YOU COULD PROVIDE US IN ADVANCE AT LEAST OUTLINE OF WAYS
IN WHICH US MIGHT ASSIST RWANDA IN TRAINING FIELD.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP YOUR DESIRES.
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